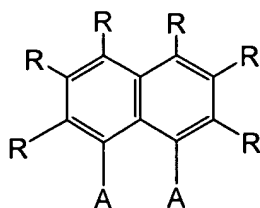


In the claims:

1. (original) A compound represented by formula I:



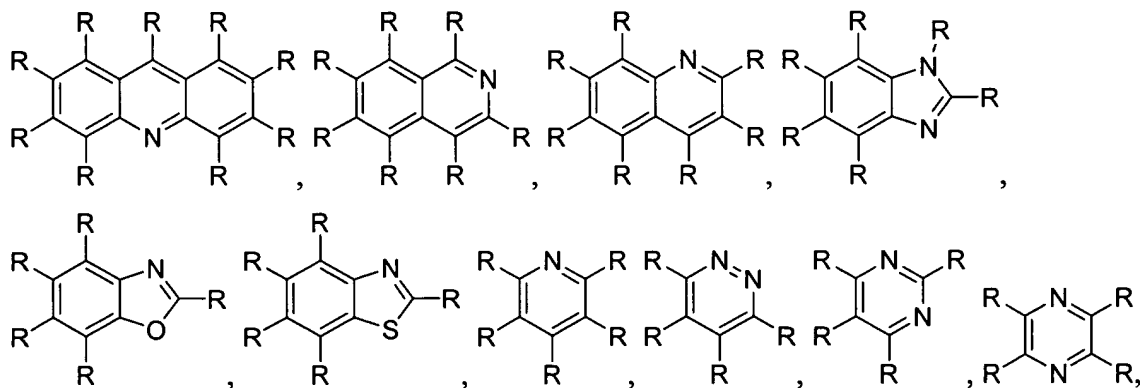
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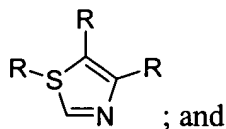
wherein

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl; and

A represents independently for each occurrence aryl or heteroaryl.

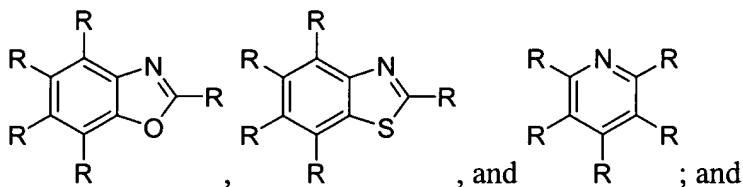
2. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
3. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein A is heteroaryl.
4. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein A is heteroaryl, and R represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
5. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:





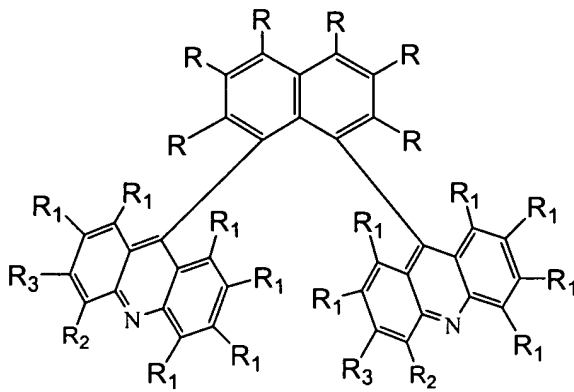
ring of the compound represented by formula I.

6. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:



ring of the compound represented by formula I.

7. (original) A compound represented by formula II:



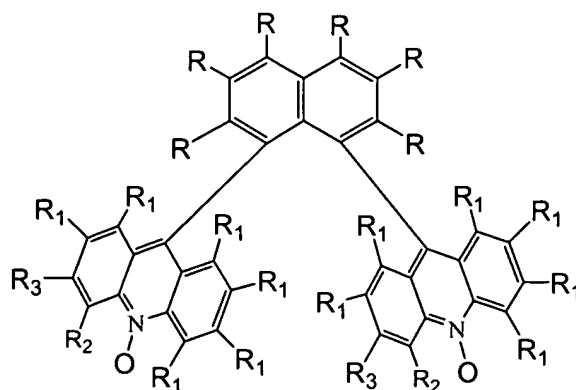
II

wherein

R, R₁, R₂, and R₃ represent independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl.

8. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
9. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H.
10. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₁ represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
11. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₁ represents independently for each occurrence H.
12. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₂ represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
13. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₂ represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.
14. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₂ represents independently for each occurrence methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.
15. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₂ represents independently for each occurrence methyl or isopropyl.
16. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₃ represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
17. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₃ represents independently for each occurrence aryl.
18. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₃ represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
19. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R₃ represents independently for each occurrence 3,5-dimethylphenyl.

20. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R₁ is H, R₃ is H, and R₂ is alkyl.
21. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R₁ is H, R₃ is H, and R₂ is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.
22. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R₁ is H, R₃ is H, and R₂ is methyl.
23. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R₁ is H, R₃ is H, and R₂ is isopropyl.
24. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R₁ is H, R₂ is H, and R₃ represents independently for each occurrence aryl.
25. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R₁ is H, R₂ is H, and R₃ represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
26. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein R is H, R₁ is H, R₂ is H, and R₃ is 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
27. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein said compound is a chiral.
28. **(original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein said compound is a single diastereomer.
29. **(original)** A compound represented by formula **III**:



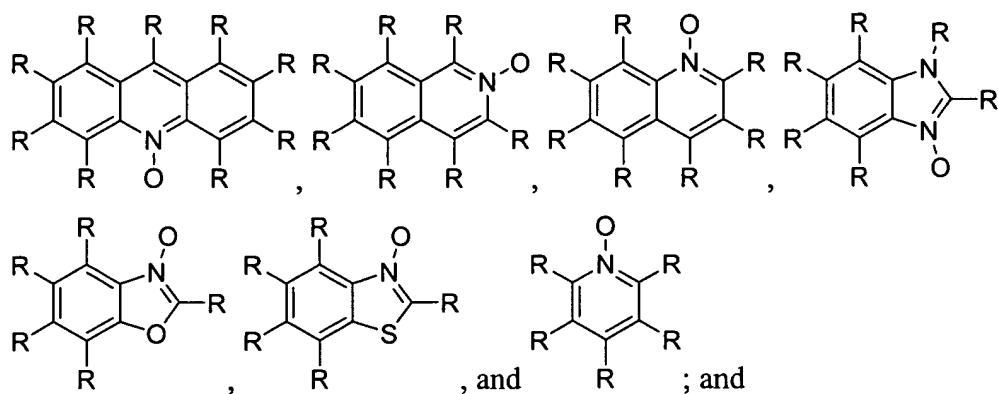
III

wherein

R, R₁, R₂, and R₃ represent independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, or alkenyl.

30. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
31. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R represents independently for each occurrence H.
32. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R₁ represents independently for each occurrence H or alkyl.
33. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R₁ represents independently for each occurrence H.
34. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R₂ represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
35. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R₂ represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.
36. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R₂ represents independently for each occurrence methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.
37. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R₃ represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or aryl.
38. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R₃ represents independently for each occurrence aryl.
39. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R₃ represents independently for each occurrence an optionally substituted phenyl group.
40. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R₃ represents independently for each occurrence 3,5-dimethylphenyl.
41. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H, R₁ is H, R₃ is H, and R₂ is alkyl.
42. **(original)** The compound of claim 29, wherein R is H, R₁ is H, R₃ is H, and R₂ is methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, or pentyl.

85. (new) The compound of claim 1, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:



R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, aryl, or a bond to the naphthyl ring of the compound represented by formula I.